

South Dakota Emergency Treatment Grant- COVID-19

Grant Summary

The Department of Social Services Division of Behavioral Health applied for and was awarded the FY2020 Emergency Grant to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19 funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The purpose of this grant is to provide crisis intervention services, mental and substance use disorder treatment, and other related recovery supports for children and adults impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Target Population

The grant will specifically address the needs of individuals with serious mental illness, individuals with substance use disorders, and/or individuals with co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorders. Additionally, the grant will be focused on meeting the needs of individuals with mental disorders that are less severe than serious mental illness, including those in healthcare profession.

Funding

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health was awarded \$2,000,000. This funding is available from April 20, 2020 through August 19, 2021.

Partners

Partners include Community Mental Health Centers, contracted substance use disorder agencies, and Face It Together.



DBH Grant Activities

Grant activities include the following:

- Outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services for those impacted by COVID-19, including priority funding for outpatient services for healthcare workers
- Infrastructure to build and support telehealth capacity, including the purchase of equipment such as tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, and videoconferencing equipment and platforms as well as technical support
- Personal protective equipment to ensure continued face-to-face services, when possible
- Emergency services funding to support crisis services
- Recovery support services including linkages to nutrition/food services and individual support services; linkages to childcare, vocational, and educational services; and linkages to housing and transportation services.